

**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Public Hearing – 6 August 2024  
NDIS Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Bill 2024  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE  
National Disability Insurance Agency

**Topic:** Financial Impact of Delay of Legislative Provisions

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**Question asked by:** Jordon Steele-John

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**Question:**

Senator STEELE-JOHN: My question is to Mr Gifford. On 25 June, Minister Shorten said in an interview on ABC's AM program that delaying the passage of the NDIS bill by two months—referencing this inquiry that we are currently participating in—would cost \$1 billion. A letter with calculations on the so-called cost of delay was tabled by Minister Shorten on 27 June, stating that it would cost '\$1.06 billion'. My question to you is: when were you requested to do these calculations and what were the instructions or parameters given to you in that task?

Mr Gifford: Could I please take on notice the precise date we were requested to provide the information? I would need to go back and check email records. The task that was requested was fairly simply to provide an estimate of what the impact of delaying the legislative provisions by two months would be. There really wasn't anything more to it than that. That was the question, and that was the basis for the advice given.

Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you provide to us on notice the date you were given that instruction and precisely the language that you are given in order to make those calculations, please?

Mr Gifford: Yes, Certainly.

**Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency was requested to provide advice on the impact to Scheme expenditure of a 2 month delay in implementation of legislation. This request was received on 24 June 2024.